

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Cameron Kerrigan

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COUPLING DEVICE FOR A STENT SUPPORT FIXTURE

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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

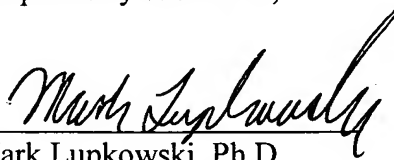
Dear Examiner Edwards:

At the time the invention of the current application (USSN 10/817,642) was made, the inventions of the current application and Pacetti (U.S. Patent No. 6,743,462) were owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc., a California corporation.

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